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Forests

Reduction in the number of Conservators of Forests.

*715 *Q.*—Mr. J. A. Saldanha: With reference to my question No. 165 answered on 26th August 1927 will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state whether owing to the change in the Forest Conservancy policy the number of Conservators is going to be reduced and, if so, by what gradual process?

A.—The matter is under the consideration of Government

(716 *Q.*—Please see page 258 infra)

The hon. the President:—"The hon. Member is not in his place"

(Mr. Basheer Ahmad Sayeed wanted to put a supplementary question.)

The hon. the President:—"The hon. Member is requested to read the instructions printed at the first page of the list of questions and answers."

Civil Justice

Holding of the posts of Sarishtadar and head clerk by the members of the same community.

*717 *Q.*—Mr. R. Nagan Gowda: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether except in the districts of Anantapur, Cuddapah, Godavari, Madura, Malabar (North and South), Tanjore (East and West), Tinnevelly and Trichinopoly, the two ministerial posts, Sarishtadar and head clerk of the District Court are held by members of the same community; and

(*b*) if not, in how many and what districts of the Presidency the ministerial posts are held by members of the same community in contravention of the principle accepted in the Standing Order No. 128 of the Board of Revenue?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) On 31st March 1927 the two ministerial posts of sarishtadar and head clerk of district courts were held by members of different communities in Anantapur, Chingleput, Cuddapah, Godavari East, Guntur, North and South Malabar, Tanjore West, Tinnevelly, Trichinopoly and Vizagapatam districts. The Board's Standing Order No. 128 is not applicable to the Judicial Department.

Mr R. Nagan Gowda:—"May I know why the principle that the Sarishtadars and head clerks should not be members of the same community is not applicable to the Judicial Department?"

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. Campbell:—"The Board's Standing Orders apply only to the Revenue Department."

Claims of Moslems for the post of acting High Court Judges.

*718 *Q.*—Mr. B. Ramachandra Reddi: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state why the Government have ignored the claims of Moslems with reference to the appointment of acting High Court Judges in spite of the repeated assurances that were given in the Legislative Council by the member in charge that at the next vacancy such claims would be duly considered?